# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Universities and Colleges
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up universities/colleges equivalent to the standards of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to encourage the girl child;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government is also considering to increase the scholarship amounts given to the girl child belonging to poor and weaker sections of society;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the details of amount released for the scholarship during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b): No, Madam. While there is no such specific proposal, the Central Government and the University Grants Commission (UGC) are constantly endeavouring to improve the standards of Universities and Colleges, including Women Universities and Colleges. The list of UGC schemes for improving quality in Universities and Colleges is at www.ugc.ac.in/page/XII-Plan-Guidelines.aspx.
(c) to (e): The Ministry is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students wherein 50% scholarship is earmarked for girls. The guidelines of the scheme are at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files /mhrd/files/upload_document/Guidelines_CSS_Scholarship.pdf . At present there is no proposal to increase the scholarship amount under this scheme. The details of amount released for the scholarship during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is at Annexure -I.
Further, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has introduced the Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Fellowship for Research in Social Sciences in the year 2014-2015 to provide an opportunity to single girl child for research in social sciences for pursuing Ph.D with an aim to compensate direct costs of higher education specially for such girls who happen to be the only girl child in their family. The scheme has been implemented from 2015-16 onwards. The details of above scholarship for 2015-16 and for the current year State/UT-wise is at Annexure-II.
The UGC has increased the fellowship/scholarship amounts based on recommendations of the Expert Committee to bring parity amongst the schemes with effect from 1st December, 2014. The public notice in this regard is available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6042860_Revised-rates-of-Fellowships.pdf .
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